

ENRC Signs Global Software Deal

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ENRC is a diversified mining and metals group. Its portfolio includes iron ore.

GEMCOM has underlined its strong position in the central Asian mining software market with a deal to supply Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation with its suite of general mine planning products across ENRC's dominant Kazakhstan and other global sites.

The value of the deal wasn't disclosed but Gemcom said it would implement the Gemcom Surpac, GEMS, Minex, Whittle and MineSched products in a significant product rollout in Kazakhstan, China, Russia, Brazil, South Africa, Mozambique, Zambia and the DRC.

"We are pleased to be adopting Gemcom software as our new corporate global standard," ENRC Kazakhstan vice president operations, Patrice L'Huillier, said in a statement distributed by Gemcom.

"We've had a positive experience working with Gemcom and have been using its software at a number of our operations around the world for several years. "While we also looked at other mining software vendors as part of our selection process, Gemcom's global reach, product quality and service offerings were best suited to our needs as a producer of diverse commodities with global operations."

The Gemcom software provides geology, mine planning, optimisation, and scheduling tools.

The Vancouver-based supplier will also provide services and training to ENRC, ensuring its mining teams realise the software's full capabilities. As part of software implementations, Gemcom will assist ENRC by identifying and documenting process improvements which will streamline and improve work and data flows.

"In partnering with ENRC, we will provide software and services which will play a key role in unlocking efficiency and profits," said Gemcom senior vice president Andrew Pyne, who spent several years spearheading the company's moves to open up the Central Asian market.

"Our solutions will help ENRC's operations improve vital profit drivers such as grade control and scheduling, as well as give the company new tools which will allow its staff to complete work in less time. ENRC will also be able to rely on our support teams around the world, and with a significant number of staff located in Kazakhstan, our new office in Almaty will be working closely with ENRC."